

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2005 in reference to the above-identified application. The Examiner set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months, making the present Amendment due by November 4, 2005.

At the outset, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-11 and 13-42 in this application. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, since the Examiner did not consider the term "double enveloping cone drive worm gear" to be commonly known. Claim 43 has been withdrawn.

Applicant believes that the term "double enveloping cone drive worm gear" is well-known in the art, but notes that the more common parlance interchanges the adjectives in this term so that the more common usage is --cone drive double enveloping worm gear--. By this amendment, Applicant proposes to change this term "double enveloping cone drive worm gear" in the specification and in claim 12 to the more common usage. Since this amendment merely transposes the wording, no new matter is believed to be added by this change.

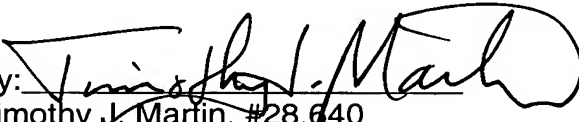
Applicant has enclosed several print outs from the internet showing that this usage is common. Indeed, if the term cone drive double enveloping worm gear is searched, literally several thousand documents are available showing that this is a common phrase. The R.M. Hoffman Company print out, for example, describes this structure as: "Cone Drive double-enveloping worm gearing employs a specially machined worm that conforms to the arc of the driven gear." Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection of claim 12 at this time.

No additional claims fees are believed to be payable upon the Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fees, or to credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 13-1940.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in complete condition for allowance, and action to that end is courteously solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved prior to the granting of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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